



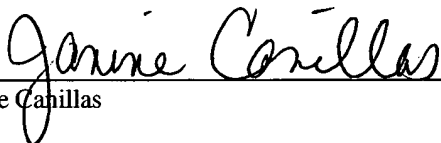
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AMENDMENT

This is in response to the Office Action in this case mailed February 6, 2006. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR §114 has been filed concurrently with this Amendment as well as a Petition for a three-month extension of time to extend the term for response from May 6, 2006 to August 6, 2006. Applicant believes that no other extension of time is required. However, Applicant conditionally petitions for an additional extension of time to provide for the possibility that the need for such a petition has been overlooked.

Please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.